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# *Memorandum*

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1067) DATE: 7/23/68

FROM: SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT, aka
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On 7/9 and 7/10/68, [redacted] orally advised SA LAWRENCE that CHARLES L. CABBAGE and EDWINA HARRELL, both Black Organizing Project (BOP) leaders, were still driving a 1967 or 1968 light green Ford, a rental car, Shelby County, Tennessee, license BV-0234, registered to Carter's Garage, 178 E. Virginia - that they were staying at Room 235 or 275, Trave-Lodge Motel, Fourth and Union and had by their 7/9/68 conversations indicated they were hiding out AWOL soldier, DON NEELY, legal residence 531, E. McLemore, who is a BOP member and who idolizes CABBAGE. NEELY went AWOL in June, 1968, shortly after entering U. S. Army and was picked up by military police 6/28/68. - Informant added that CABBAGE originally rented this car on or about 6/29/68 at the airport. When NEELY was first picked up by military on 6/28/68, CABBAGE went to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Memphis, complaining that NEELY had illegally been taken into the Army.

EDWINA HARRELL claimed that she and CHARLES CABBAGE are married. She has recently bought a lot of nice new clothes for CABBAGE, allegedly illegally using her parents' credit cards in so doing.

(1) - 157-1067 (BOP)
1 - 170-70 (Sub) [redacted]
1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
1 - 157-953 (Black Power Infiltration Memphis War on Poverty Committee)
1 - 157-114 [redacted]
1 - 157-1326 [redacted]
1 - 157-1126 [redacted]
1 - 157-1070 [redacted]
1 - 100-4528 [redacted]
1 - 134-511 [redacted]
1 - 100-4575 [redacted]
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1 - 170-1024 [redacted]
1 - 157-1187 [redacted]
1 - 66-6687 (Dissemination)
1 - 170-1019 Sub [redacted]
1 - 157-1277
- 157-1019 [redacted]
- 66-1687 Sub (Dissemination

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On 7/9/68, one JAMES MOSES, male Negro, graduate of Howard University, former Memphian, now possibly with U. S. Civil Rights Commission and funded by some foundation, was looking for CABBAGE to interview him. MOSES has been interviewing a lot of Memphis Negro leaders, including insurance and banking executive A. MACEO WALKER.

CABBAGE told MOSES to interview him at Trave-Lodge on night of 7/9/68 and he would have his "cell" all present for a mass interview.

On night of 7/8/68, the Beale Street gang of BOP, tentatively known as "City Organizers" and led by CHARLES CABBAGE met at a place on Beale Street, known to informant. Among those known to be present were HERMAN LEE PREWITT, EDWINA HARRELL, DON NEELY, his older brother RICHARD NEELY, CLIFTON LOUIS TAYLOR, RICK HENRY TAYLOR, former employee of International Harvester, now living at 368 McFarland Street, HURLEY GIBSON, plus four or five others, identities not known. They talked about hiding out AWOL DON NEELY. It was indicated CABBAGE and EDWINA would keep him temporarily at Trave-Lodge, that later, an older brother of RICK HENRY TAYLOR, who allegedly is a "hustler" in New York, New York, and who has a big car and will allegedly be going back to New York soon.

The brother's name is GENE TAYLOR. He allegedly has a Cadillac El Dorado. RICK indicated that CABBAGE, DON and RICHARD NEELY and JAMES PHILLIPS saw GENE TAYLOR in New York on or about 6/20 or 6/21/68 after leaving Resurrection City in Washington, D. C.

EDWINA said she and CABBAGE and others went to CLIFTON LOUIS TAYLOR's house July 4th and that they all went to the Mississippi River for a picnic and took a lot of Polaroid pictures.

EDWINA said she could be reached at 527-4275. CABBAGE was desperately trying to get $25, promising to repay it soon. The 1967- 1968 crisscross telephone directory shows 527-4275 issued to ADDIE LOVE at 1048 Leon

Place from 848 Ayers Street East. The 1967 City Directory shows ADDIE LOVE, nurse's aid, E. H. Crump Hospital, residence 1056 A, Lema Place, telephone 276-4858.

EDWINA kept saying "DON NEELY does not have any business here. I have got to get him someplace." Later on 7/9/68, informant said that MOSES told him he had gone to Trave-Lodge on night of 7/9/68 and could not find CABBAGE and was told CABBAGE had not paid his rent.

On 7/10/68, [redacted] advised that on night of 7/8/68, JOHN B. SMITH, EMMETT HOUSE, CHARLES HARRINGTON and CHARLES BALLARD, all in the 1968 beige Mustang, Shelby County, Tennessee, license, JN-6740, drove to Trave-Lodge, Fourth and Union, looking for CABBAGE. They did not know his room number, looked for the green Ford, could not find it and left.

EMMETT HOUSE wanted to use the Mustang to go around town, with a small notebook he carries, to collect from "Runners" he allegedly has selling phenobarbital and other drugs for him. BALLARD lets the Invaders use "his" car, almost at will, despite fact taxpayers, through OEO and WOPC are paying for it.

On 7/11/68, Mr. and Mrs. BILL KRAMER, Managers, Trave-Lodge, Fourth and Union, advised that a person, whose photo they identified as EDWINA JEANETTA HARRELL, registered into Room 275 of this motel on 7/8/68 as: ETHEL D. WALTON, 687 Walden Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, claiming to represent "Designers, Inc.," of Orlando and Jacksonville. She said she had a 1968 Ford, not further described. She paid $10.40 in advance. When by 1:00 p.m. (check out time), 7/9/68, she had not paid for 7/9/68, Mr. KRAMER had housekeeper "hold" her luggage. On night of 7/9/68, a person, whose photo the KRAMERS identified as CHARLES CABBAGE came to get her clothes. He got mad, but did not have the money.

Mr. KRAMER exhibited the stored luggage to HOWELL S. LOWE and WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. It consisted of two "Paul's Taylor Shop" boxes, containing four pairs of tailored pants and a knitted sports shirt. One pair of pants bore a laundry marker name of "NEALY." Also, the luggage included one suitcase, a redish pink bag, the inside liner of which read: "EDWINA HARRELL." This contained women's clothes, two pair men's pants, a paper bound book: "Wretched of the Earth," by FRANZ FANON, Algerian psychiatrist and revolutionist, who is currently darling of the Black Powerites. Also, the bag included a yellow "Receipt Form" of Thrifty Rent-A-Car, ostensibly Memphis, dated 6/13/68, in name of JOHN W. ARMSTRONG, 7120 Antioch Street, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, employed by Prestige Wood Products, P. O. Box 6262, credit card number 35[illegible]98-R, turned in 6/14/68.

On 7/12/68, Mrs. KRAMER called to say that on the night of 7/11/68, CHARLES CABBAGE came in wanting HARRELL's (WALTON's) luggage. He paid all but 30¢ of the unpaid bill, but she would not give him the clothes until HARRELL came in. He was furious. Finally, about 12:30 to 12:45 p.m., 7/12/68, CABBAGE and HARRELL arrived to pick up the luggage. They were riding in a beige 1967 or 1968 Mustang, Shelby County, Tennessee, license JM-6740. (Two other unidentified males were in the car.) Note: This is the War on Poverty Committee rented car, at $175 a month, rented for WOP project director CHARLES S. BALLARD.

On 7/11/68, JAN VAUGHN, Clerk, Thrifty Rent-A-Car, 178 E. Virginia (same as Carter's Garage), advised her firm owns 1968 light green Ford, Shelby County, Tennessee, license BV-0234 (which [redacted] said CABBAGE rented at airport 6/29/68). She said this car was rented on 6/29/68 at Thrifty's Airport Office by HAROLD J. WHALUM of 1775 Glenview, Memphis, who used Carte Blanche credit card number 9439889172, Tennessee driver's license number 1048422. A notation on rental form said that others beside WHALUM, authorized to drive the car was: REUBEN N. WATTS, no address, but alleged holder of Tennessee driver's license number 2821660.

It is to be noted that HAROLD J. WHALUM is President of Union Protective Life Insurance Company and by WHALUM, according to [redacted] recently hired [illegible]der and BOP member, JOHN HENRY FERGUSON as a public [illegible]tions man. WHALUM was recently named to Memphis Park [illegible]ission and to Board of Directors of Memphis Chamber [illegible]ommerce.

Note - that on 7/5/68, [redacted] advised that it had been determined that on 7/5/68, EDWINA HARRELL had a series of "8x10" manila envelopes, all bearing return address of 1644 Hanauer, Apartment 2 (apartment of JOHN BURRELL SMITH) and containing name: "Black Organizing Project" thereon. Each envelope was thick with endosed material, contents not known.

These envelpes were addressed to various Memphis businessmen. Among names of those recalled were:

JOHN T. FISHER - John T. Fisher Motor Company

EWING CARRUTHERS, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company

ALFRED ALPERING

RICHARD ALLEN

T. W. HOEHN - Hoehn Chevrolet Company

O. O. HORNE, Union Protective Insurance Company

[redacted] said on 7/3/68, CHARLES HARRINGTON of BOP was driving the 1968 green Ford, license BV-0234, rented by CABBAGE 6/29/68.

Also, informant said that on 7/5/68, EDWINA HARRELL had a note reading "On nite of 7/2/68 BOP had a direct confrontation with the Black Knights."

Informant also learned that on 7/1/68, CHARLES S. BALLARD, driving the 1968 beige Mustang, Tennessee license [illegible]-6740, rented for him by WOPC, had a wreck in same at [illegible]ny Thomas Boulevard and Wellington Street.

On 7/12/68, this information was orally furnished Lieutenant JERRY DAVIS, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department.

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Will interview HAROLD WHALUM.

(2) Will check with Thrifty Rent-A-Car re JOHN M. ARMSTRONG.

(3) Will identify REUBEN N. WATTS, Tennessee driver's license 2821660.